

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 20, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Meditation before Worship**

*O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

arr. Dale Wood

## **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Introit** “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

arr. Clint Morse

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bids me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things,

**People: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**

Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

**People: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

People: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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## **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen. (*Silent prayer of confession*)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (verse 1) #688

## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 8:6-11

**Choir Anthem** “Swing Down, Chariot”

arr. Clint Morse

Swing low, sweet chariot.

Comin’ for to carry me home.

(refrain) Why don’t you swing down, chariot,

Stop and let me ride.

Rock me, Lord, calm and easy,

I’ve got a home on the other side.

Well, Ezekiel went down to the middle of the field.

He saw an angel workin’ on a chariot wheel.

He wasn’t too particular ‘bout that chariot wheel,

He just wanted to see how a chariot feel. (refrain)

Paul Oswalt, soloist

Well, Ezekiel went down and he got on board.  
The chariot went bumpin' down that bumpy old road.  
He wasn't too particular 'bout that bumpy old road.  
He just wanted to lay down his heavy load. (refrain)

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 10:35-45

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

“Being Radical Like Jesus”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

## **The Response to the Word**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967 (9.08)

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

### **\*Hymn**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

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## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

...Satisfy us, O Lord, with your gift of life,  
**and show us your salvation.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Offering**

\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God’s People

\*Closing Hymn “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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\*Postlude

“Hymn to Joy”

arr. Charles Callahan

**Pastors:** Désirée M. Youngblood  
Steven A. Watters

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Carole Sue Ames

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Pastors Mark and Désirée in honor of Devin’s adoption.

*Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.*

*Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.*